(b) It is estimated that 20,000 gallons daily would be the minimum quantity required for supplying the people in Vallanghi and Nemmara townships.

(c) It was on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that the operations were taken up.

(d) The Government consider that the chances of getting good water in Cochin by boring are very slender. Such operations conducted in British Cochin were not successful.

Steps to stop lotteries.

263. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In view of the fact that the case referred to in answer to question 170 (b) of the February session having been disposed by the Chief Court, pronounsing such *kuries* as lotteries, will the Government, in accordance with their policy, be now pleased to take any action to arrest the stoppage of such lotteries pronounced to be illegal, making it incumbent on the starters to repay the dues of the members?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Governn.ent do not propose to take any action in respect of *kuries* started before the Chief Court decision, as the point of law involved was not a very clear one, the point being set at rest only recently by the Full enchruling.

As regards future *kuries*, the Commissioner of Police is taking necessary action.

Circulars of the Police Commissioner regarding lotteries.

264. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the circular and notification regarding State lotteries, published by the Commissioner of Police in Part I, Page 264 of Gazette No. 36, dated 29th May;

(b) whether they are not aware of the fact that the lottery referred to therein is sanctioned by another State;

(c) that in view of the fact that our Government also sanctioned not long ago two lotteries, one for the Keraliya Ayurveda Samajam and another for the St. Thomas' College, and the tickets thereof were sold both in British India and other Native States without the lotteries being sanctioned by the Government of India, do they not consider that the said notification and circular were not of a reciprocal nature;

(d) whether the Police Commissioner consulted the Government Advocate and Law Officer before publishing the above, and whether, if found necessary, cannot action be taken

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